nth December AN ATTEMPT IN THE NORTH.

Six ships of Dunkirk were lately discovered on the coast of the North parts that did attempt to set some hundred men on land, but so good watch was kept that the beacons were fired, and, the country being ready to withstand them, they withdrew Nevertheless it is thought likely that on their return they ma\ make some attempt on the coast, either to surprise some gentlemen *in* their houses or set on fire some village or town near the coast, especially about Yarmouth

15^ *December* SOLDIERS FOR IRELAND

Orders are now given for 2,000 men from the garrisons in the Low Countries to be sent to Ireland, being better trained and hardened than any that can be levied at home, their places to be taken by others newly levied from London, Middlesex, Surrey, Essex, Kent and Sussex

i$th December THE THAMES FROZEN

These last days by reason of the great frosts the Thames iiath been well-nigh frozen over at London Bridge, but now it begmneth to thaw

2Qth December A DECLARATION COVCERVING THE KING OF SCOTS

Notwithstanding the satisfaction given to the King of Scots by the Queen's private letters, he remaineth still much grieved with the scandals imputed to him by Valentine Thomas, and hath earnestly moved the Queen to deliver some public testi- mony of her good opinion Hereupon though in no "way bound to yield account to any person on earth of her actions, more than in love and kindness, yet for further confirmation of her goodwill towards the King, she hath declared that she considereth him to be a Christian Prince of honour and religion, and that she giveth no credit to such things as Thomas

hath affirmed against him..

z^th December THE LOAN IN THE CITY.

The money from the City comes in but slowly, so that the Queen's service is hampered The Lord Mayor is required to use all expedition that the sum of .£20,000 demanded be paid into the Receipt before the holidays. Some citizens of good